

Thursday, August 26. 1708.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, dated Aug. 31.

Leghorne, Aug. 10.

THREE English Men of War are arriv'd here, with a French Prize which they took coming from Cagliari, and laden with Goods for Monaco and Marfeilles. Another English Ship, which is arriv'd from Barcelona in 5 Day, reports, that the Day she came from thence Admiral Leake was preparing to sail, with 30 Men of War and 20 Transports, to endeavour to reduce Sardinia to the Obedience of King Charles.

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From the Camp at Agramunt, Aug. 8. The 1st of this Month the Infantry of the Army of the Duke of Orleans decamp'd at 10 a Clock at Night from the Neighbourhood of Lerida, and march'd all the Night to avoid the great Heats. The 2d his Royal Highness march'd at 4 in the Morning with the Cavalry, and joyn'd the Foot at Termens on the Segro near Balaguer. The 3d his Royal Highness sent to view the Places where Water might be had; and at Night the Foot march'd and encamp'd at Mongay on the Sio, where the Horse arriv'd the 4th. It was found that the River was dry, except some hollow places where Water was left. The Army continu'd there the 5th, and in the mean time the Duke of Orleans took a View of this Camp of Agramunt, where the Count d'Estaing who was advanc'd thither before with Part of the Horse inform'd him he had Advice that the Son of the Marquis das Minas had been order'd to possess himself of this Camp with 2500 Horse and 6 Cannon, and that Count Staremberg was to joyn him with the rest of the Troops. His Royal Highness return'd to Mongay, after having order'd the Count d'Estaing to cause Dams to be made in the River Sio, to stop the little Quantity of Water that ran in it. The 6th at Day break the Count d'Estaing sent Word, that by sinking Pits on the Edge of the River a sufficient Quantity of Water might be had for the Men and Horses: Which determin'd his Royal Highness to come with the rest of the Troops to this Camp, where 'tis probable we shall continue till the End of this Month. The Enemy's Army is within 4 Leagues of this Place, whither all their Forces are drawing together. According to the Report of Deserters, of whom above 60 have come over to us in 2 Days, they have 66 Squadrons and fewer Foot than the Duke of Orleans, whose Army consists of 36 Battallions and 70 Squadrons, for the 15 that were to march to Provence have been countermanded.

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From the Duke of Savoy's Camp at Meane, August 14. The 7th of this Month General Rhebinder receiv'd Order to decamp from la Vachette with his Troops, to advance towards Sezane, to ruine the Works in the Col d'Echelles, and make the Roads unpassable. The 8th our Army decamp'd from Bardouanche and arriv'd at Oulx: General St. Remi remain'd in the Neighbourhood of Bardouanche and of the Col de la Roue, with 10 Battallions. The 9th that General sent Advice, that the Enemy on his Approach had abandon'd two Redoubts which they had made in the Col de Feneestrelles; after having set fire to one, and blown up the other: Whereupon Order was sent him to joyn the Army at Oulx. At the same Time 5 other Battallions were detach'd under the Command of Lieutenant General Regal, to march to the Siege of Exilles. That General sent Word afterwards, that the Cannon was arriv'd from Suza, and that he should immediately cause Batteries to fire to make a Breach. We had Advice that the Marshal de Villars arriv'd the 8th at Night at Briançon: Whereupon General Schulembourg was detach'd to Exilles, to cover the Siege on the Side towards Mount Cenis; and 1000 Foot were sent by General Rhebinder, under the Marquis d'Andorno, to reduce to the Obedience of the Duke of Savoy the Inhabitants of the Valley of St. Martin, who had put themselves under the Protection of the French. The 10th General Rhebinder march'd with his Detachment towards Roulliers and Chanlas, to cover the Valley of Pragelas, and cut off the Enemy's Communication with Feneestrelles; while Major General Pannewif, a Prussian, posted himself near Sezane with his 6 Battallions.

The 11th his Royal Highness accompanied by some Generals, went to Sezane to view the Posts which General Rhebinder had possess'd. A little after, the Enemy charg'd our Vanguard with such Vigour, that they were oblig'd to give Ground: However, they made their Retreat in good Order, facing about from time to time and charging the Enemy: But the Enemy being continually reinforce'd, and their Battallions advancing apace in 2 Columns, we abandon'd our Posts on the other side of the Doria, and our Troops retir'd

over the Bridge; the 6 Battallions under Major-General Pannewif retir'd likewise towards the Foot of the Mountain. Whereupon the Enemy immediately drew their Foot into order of Battle as fast as they came up, and towards the Evening we counted 37 Battallions of them. His Royal Highness observing the Superiority of the Enemy, and apprehending they would be joyn'd by other Troops, and would attack our several Battallions which were posted here and there, or would post themselves between Sezane and Oulx, order'd Major-General Pannewif to retire from Sezane, and joyn our Army at Oulx; which he executed; and General Rhebinder was order'd to march towards the Valley of Pragelas. The 12th his Royal Highness decamp'd from Oulx with his Army, and came near to Exilles, in which a Breach was already made: The Governour beat a Parley towards the Evening, and yielded himself Prisoner of War with his Garrison. The 13th that Garrison march'd out: That Day we receiv'd Advice, that the Fort of Perouse in which was a small Garrison, was taken by our Troops; and that the Inhabitants of the Valley of St. Martin had submitted. The same Day we march'd towards Chaumont, and to Day we came hither to Meane; and are now decamping to advance towards Feneestrelles, where General Rhebinder is already arriv'd, and has possess'd himself of all the advantageous Posts thereabouts.

Received, August 19. A Courier is gone through this Place, with the News, that the Duke of Savoy has not only made himself Master of Exilles, making the Garrison Prisoners of War; but that the Count de la Trinite having taken Sword in Hand 3 Redoubts in the Valley of St. Martin, has reduc'd that Valley to the Obedience of the Duke of Savoy: That the Marquis d'Andorno has also possess'd himself of Perouse and St. Louis, making the Garrisons, consisting of 500 Men, Prisoners of War: And that General Rhebinder is attacking Feneestrelles, and has already taken two Posts in its Neighbourhood. Letters from Genoa advise, that the Queen of Spain landing at Mataro, the King her Husband went incognito thither to her, and that their Majesties made a solemn Entry into Barcelona.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Aug. 25.

Valenciennes, Aug. 18. The 12th Instant the Enemy invest'd Lille: The 13th they settled their Quarters and began the Circumvallation, which is above 3 Leagues in Compass: The 14th they caus'd 2000 Men to attack a small Fort call'd Canteleu, situate near the Upper Deule; but they were repuls'd with the Loss of 200 Men kill'd and 400 wounded. The 16th Prince Eugene commanded some Troops and Pioneers to cut a Digue that kept in the Water which the Besiegers had caus'd to overflow, that so they might drain off that Water which incommoded his Army. The Marshal de Boufflers sent out 500 Grenadiers and 300 Officers, supported by 6 Battallions with 6 Pieces of Cannon, who repuls'd the Enemy, kill'd or wounded above 1000 of them and took 500 Prisoners. The Marshal Berwick is encamp'd between the Scheld and the Scarpe, near Mortagne, where his Army is augmented daily: My Lord Marlborough is incamp'd at Helchin, where he has 6 Bridges over the Schelde. The Soldiers of his Army and of Prince Eugene's desert continually; and the Pioneers they had Summon'd together, retire in Companies. They report that they wanted Provisions, and that an Ammunition Loaf was worth 15 Sols in their Camp.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated Sept. 1.

From the Camp before Lille, Aug. 26. M. de la Roque and du Mee, chief Ingeniers, open'd the Trenches the 22d at Night, the first on the Right of the Deule, the other on the Left, with 4000 Pioneers cover'd by 10 Battallions of Imperialists, Palatines, and Hessians, commanded by Lieutenant General Wercho and Major General Bolkeshoeve, and 10 Battallions with 600 Horse held themselves ready to support them. The Trenches were carried on with good Success, because the Enemy did not perceive it till 2 Hours after, and so our Men had time to cover themselves. The 23d at Night, Lieutenant General Petendorf being to relieve the Trenches, went a little before with his Adjutant and a Servant to view them, and in his Return going out of his Way between the two Attacks he was taken Prisoner by some of the Enemy's Soldiers in the Habits of Boors, and carried into the City, whence the Marshal de Boufflers caus'd him to be remov'd into the Citadel: Hereupon the Trenches were reliev'd by the Duke of Wirtemberg Lieutenant General, the Majors General Fasche and Swabel, with the Battallions of Flechenbach, Baden, Taton, 2 Battallions of Palatine Grenadiers, 1 of Yffelbach, 1 of Saxe-Meiningen, 1 of Freudenberg, and 2 of Hessians: And 10 other Battallions were commanded to support these. The Fire made by the Enemy from their Cannon and Musquets, was much more fierce that

that Night the Enemy's Trenches, and the finishing of the grand Parallel; which done, a great Battery was begun: That Night 7 Men were kill'd and 13 wounded. It being agreed that the Imperialists, Palatines, and Hessians should go the first 2 Days into the Trenches, and the English, Dutch, Prussians, and Hannoverians the 3 next, Lieutenant General Spar mounted the Trenches the 14th with Major General Collier and the Brigadiers Wallenraet and Keppel, and under them the Regiments of Ingoldsby, Goutrey, 1 Danish Guards, 1 of Orange, 1 of the Prince Royal of Prussia, 1 of May, Denhof, Belling, Swarts, and Seckendorf. That Night 300 of our Grenadiers with their Bayonets at the Muzzles of their Pieces, storm'd the fortified Chappel of Magdalene and the House without the Counterscarp, and carry'd them; of 150 Grenadiers that were in it 92 were taken, the rest were kill'd: Our Works were advanced considerably that Night, with the Loss of 16 Men kill'd and 35 wounded. The 15th at Night the Trenches were reliev'd by the Duke of Holstein Beek Lieutenant-General, Major General Soutelande and the Brigadiers Boillet and Sir Richard Temple, with the Battalions of Lalo, Sabin, Dutch Guards, Boillet, Varenne, Melville, Idinga, Prince Maximilian of Heist, and Metral. The Fire was very vigorous that Night; and between 9 and 10 a Clock the Enemy gave 3 Salvoes, because 'twas St. Louis's Day, and afterwards made a Sally out of the Gate of Magdalene, but were soon driven in again. Last Night at the Attack on the Left of the Deule a Battery of 44 Cannon was finish'd, and will soon begin to fire; and at a good Distance before that, another Battery is rais'd, which will be ready to-morrow Morning early: At the Attack on the Right of the Deule, the Batteries are in such Forwardness, that 'tis likely all our Artillery will be ready to play at once to-morrow Morning. Last Night we had eight Men kill'd and fifteen wounded. The Attacks extend from the Gate of Magdalene to that of St. Andrew, but the chief Efforts will be made against the many-corner'd Works between the two Hornworks on each side of the Deule. The Enemy having no other Part to defend, will doubtless make a terrible Fire; but we are getting ready great and small Mortars to incommode them. This Night Lieutenant-General Spar is to mount the Trenches, with Major General Collier, and the Brigadiers Wallenraet and Troussel, and under them the Battalions of Primrose, Anhalt Zerbst, VVirtemberg, Stalmeester, Delfsuperhe, May, Regteren, Metral, Smits, and Hebron. The French Officer who commanded in the fortify'd Chappel, being much wounded, was brought into the Abbey of Marquette, where in a few Hours he died: He thank'd God he died in a Place, where he could openly profess the Protestant Religion, which he declar'd to be his. To Day a Letter came (by the Post) to Prince Eugene, in which was enclos'd only a piece of greasie brown Paper; finding himself ready to swoon at the smell of it, he threw it from him; the Paper was taken up first by his Highness's Valet de Chambre, then by his Adjutant, and then by General Dopf, and they all found themselves ill; and the Adjutant vomited; upon which it was given to a Dog, who fell dead on the Spot.

From the Camp before Lille, Aug. 27. The Trenches are now advanc'd within 100 Paces of the Counterscarp; and this Morning at 7 a Clock 70 Cannon, 20 Mortars, and 16 Hawitzers began to fire on the Town. We find the Walls are built of ill-made Brick, and that the Enemy make but a faint Resistance; so that in 10 Days we hope to be Masters of the Place. Last Night all the Enemy's Genadiers, 2 Squadrons and 300 Pioneers, made a Sally, to retake the fortify'd Chappel. That Post was defended by Lieutenant Moor of the Dutch Guards with 100 Men; which Lieutenant and 30 of his Men being wounded, was overpower'd and forc'd to retire; hereupon the Prince of Nassau Friseland being then in the Trenches caus'd 2 Battallions to advance, leading one of them himself, and attack the Enemy, who were soon oblig'd to retire to the Coverdway: Yet they fill'd up 100 Paces of the Trench before that Chappel, which this Morning was all made good again.

From the Paris Letter, dated Aug. 27.

Paris, August 27. The Duke of Orleans has advis'd by Letters of the 12th of this Month, that he had been in Expectation of a great Action; the Prince of Darmstadt being advanc'd with about 25000 Men towards Agramunt Cervera and Solfone, and giving out that he was follow'd by Count Staremberg with a greater Force. His Royal Highness being inform'd that this Army was in part compos'd of Militia ill-disciplin'd, prepar'd for the Battle: But the Enemy retir'd. The Chevalier d'Hasselt was gone to lay Siege to Denia, with a Detachment of Horse and Foot, and the Duke of Orleans waited to hear the Success of that Enterprize. They write from Grenoble the 18th, that the Marshal de Villars was observing the Duke of Savoy, who was taken up with the Siege of Fenestrelles; and that 'twas foreseen it would be very difficult if not

impossible to relieve that Place. **Enfemy** were possess'd of the Passages. Letters from our Frontier Places relate, that Trenches were open'd against Lille the Night between the 22d and 23d; and a Letter from Bethune says, that the Marquis de Surville Lieutenant General, at the Head of a Detachment of Grenadiers, had made a Sally upon the Quarter of the Dutch, kill'd above 200 of the Enemy and took 200 Prisoners. And that the Beliegers carry on 3 Attacks, two against the Town and the other against the Citadel. 'Tis not doubted that the Armies of the Dukes of Burgundy and Berwick are in Motion; the latter has been reinforced by the nearest Garrisons, which are supplied with Mithril. It being likely there will be a great Action, that may be decisive, the Cardinal de Noailles our Archbishop, has order'd publick Prayers to be made throughout his Diocess, to implore the Blessing of Heaven on the Arms of his Majesty.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Aug. 28.

Paris, Aug. 28. We have Advice from Hologne, that the Enemy's Fleet had appear'd in the Road of St. John. That the 14th they would have attempted to make a Descent, and to that End put a good Number of Troops into their Shallops: The Militia of the Country, who are very well Train'd, drew together and seeing the Enemy were too slow in their Motions, retir'd behind the Downes, to give them Liberty to land; but this Motion oblig'd them to return on board their Fleet which sail'd towards Estaple. They appear'd the following Days along the Coast, but attempted nothing; and this is all the Issue of the Diversion they had so long threaten'd to make.

From the Brussels Gazette, dated Aug. 31.

Brussels, Aug. 31. The Siege of Lille makes the Enemy so uneasy, that they use all the Means they can to make a Diversion; and to that End the Duke of Berwick having drawn the Garrisons out of divers Places to reinforce his Body of Troops, advanc'd the 26th to Carignon near Mons, and march'd the 29th by the Way of Soignies towards Enguien, to joyn the Army of the Duke of Vendome, who having left the Count de la Motte with 20 Battalions for the Security of Ghent and Bruges, decamp'd from Lovendeghem the 26th, pass'd the Schelde the 27th near Ghent, and encamp'd at Wetteren and Melle; the 28th at 5 in the Morning he march'd with his Army in 3 Columns towards Grammont, and the 29th he joyn'd the Duke of Berwick near Enguien, fixing his Head-Quarters at Herines.

From the Camp at Amougies, August 28. The Enemy give out they are resolv'd to attempt the Relief of Lille, and the 25th the D. of Berwick march'd with his Army from Mortagne to Bossu between Conde and Mons, where they halted the 26th and 27th, and are March'd this Morning by Mons, towards Soignies. The D. of Marlborough had an Account Yesterday that the D. of Vendome, having left M. de la Motte with a Body for the security of Ghent and Bruges, pass'd the Schelde near Ghent at 5 in the Morning, March'd in 4 Columns towards the Dender, and encamp'd at Pottebourg; and his Grace has just now Advice, that they are March'd this Day to Ninove, in order to pass that River to-morrow, whereupon Orders are given for our Army to be ready to March on the firing of 3 Cannon; our heavy Baggage is sent to the Artillery, and every thing is in a readiness for it. Since the opening the Trenches before Lille the 22d, the Works have been carried on with all possible Diligence; and Yesterday Morning early a Battery of 44 Pieces of Cannon, another of 30, and a 3d of 11 began to fire against the Faces of the two Bastions between the Horn-Works of the Gates of Magdalene and St. Andrew; at the same time a Battery of 12 Mortars and 8 Hawitzers began to play from the Chappel of Magdalene into the Town, as did this Morning another of 8 Mortars and 8 Hawitzers from the Right of the Gate of St. Andrew.

The 29th in the Morning. We have just now Advice, that the Duke of Vendome began to pass the Dender last Night. Whereupon our Army is marching towards Aeth.

From the Amsterdam Courant, dated September 1.

Amsterd., Aug. 30. We have Advice, that the Army commanded by the Duke of Marlborough advanc'd this Day at Noon to Lessines, and that of the Enemy to Geersbergen; as also that the former is joyn'd by Prince Eugene with 8000 Horse.

A T the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane,

on Saturday next, being the 28th of August, will be presented a Comedy call'd, *The London Cuckolds*. As will be express'd at large in the Bill to-morrow for that purpose.

Nottingham, August 19. This being the Day appointed as a Thanksgiving for the Defeat of the French in their intended Invasion, and for the certain Victory obtain'd by her Majesty's Arms and the Allies against them near Audenardt, the Right Honourable the Lord Marquis of Dorchester (after Divine Service) Receiv'd a great many Persons of Quality at a Magnificent Entertainment in his Lordship's House at Holme Pierpoint, after which they were diverted with a Race for a Plate, and conducted to a Ball, where was a noble Appearance of Ladies; and the Night concluded with all possible Marks of Loyalty and Zeal to her Majesty and Government.